

BH 44-1740

1400 - 2121 Building  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203  
April 25, 1968

Honorable Macon L. Weaver  
United States Attorney  
Federal Building  
Birmingham, Alabama

Attention: Mr. R. Macey Taylor  
Assistant United States Attorney

Re: James Earl Ray, also known  
as, Eric Starvo Galt -  
Fugitive;  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -  
Victim  
Civil Rights - Conspiracy;  
UFAC - Robbery

Dear Sir:

This will confirm your authorization for the filing of Federal process against this fugitive under his known alias at that time of Eric Starvo Galt. Such a complaint was filed by myself before United States Commissioner Mildred F. Sprague at Birmingham on April 17, 1968, and warrant issued by her on that date. The warrant charges violation of Section 241, Title 18, United States Code, in having conspired on March 29, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a United States citizen. Our records reflect recommended bond is \$50,000.00.

A previous warrant is outstanding for Ray which was issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging him with having fled that state after escaping from the Missouri State Penitentiary while serving a term for robbery.

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
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At the present time, extensive investigation is being conducted regarding Ray by several of our offices and your office will be furnished complete reports in this matter.

Of possible interest, I am enclosing a copy of an Identification Order and Wanted Flyer issued for Ray's arrest.

Very truly yours,

  
JOSEPH H. GAMBLE  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures